

Our nation depends on the courage and dedication of the MEBA to help ready our troops in times of crisis. I salute the heroic contributions of the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and applaud every mariner for contributing to the support of our Nation's military.

Sincerely,

RICK SANTORUM,
U.S. Senator.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GILES H. MILLER, JR.

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to recognize Mr. Giles H. Miller, Jr. of Culpeper, VA. Throughout his celebrated 100 years, he has been a model of altruistic service to his community, the Commonwealth of Virginia and America.

A Virginia native, Mr. Miller was born in Lynchburg on July 26, 1903. He attended college at the Virginia Military Institute from August 1920 to June 1924, and while enrolled, Mr. Miller was awarded some of the highest accolades the school has for students. As an alumnus, he has served VMI tirelessly in roles including President of its Board of Visitors, founder of the Miller Basketball Scholarship Program, and Chairman of the VMI Flying Squadron, just to name a few. His service has won him the school's Spirit Award, Distinguished Service Award, as well as the position of Senior Living Alumnus and the distinction of "Mr. VMI."

Mr. Miller's record of exemplary service extends also to the community of Culpeper, VA, where he has been a resident for more than 70 years and has deservedly earned the distinguished title of "Mr. Culpeper." Over those years, he has been a member of the Culpeper Town Council, Vice Mayor of Culpeper, founder and President of the Culpeper Host Lion's Club, Chairman of the Board of Culpeper Memorial Hospital and President of Culpeper National Bank. In recognition of his work, he has been honored as Outstanding Citizen of the Year in Culpeper, as well as with the Culpeper Colonel Award from the Board of Supervisors and the Good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to his work in Culpeper, Mr. Miller has worked in significant positions throughout the Commonwealth, including a stint as Director of the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond.

Mr. Miller is an example of many of the traits that we as Americans honor: service, dedication, and hard work, among others. He is a wonderful role model for his fellow Virginians and Americans, and I congratulate him on the wonderful celebration of his 100th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES L. SHEARER

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to one of Kentucky's finest edu-

cators. Dr. Charles L. Shearer has served as president of Transylvania University for over 20 years and he has helped shape it into the fine liberal arts institution it is today.

Upon Dr. Shearer's inception as Transylvania University's president 20 years ago, he brought with him a doctorate in economics and teaching experience. Charles also spent 4 years as the university's vice president of finance where he successfully eliminated Transylvania's deficits. Although campus enrollment was low then, Dr. Shearer helped Transylvania rebound from 605 in 1983 to a record 1,109 during the fall of 2002.

Achieving the highest quality of education in the classroom possible has been a top priority throughout Dr. Shearer's tenure as president. The top 25 students in each class are awarded the William T. Young Scholarship. The Bingham, Jones and Kenan programs encourage retainment and recruitment of faculty by awarding bonuses to deserving teachers.

Dr. Shearer's leadership helped raise the endowment from \$4.1 million in 1983 to \$110 million today. While funds peaked at \$129.3 million in 1998, the school has been able to make the necessary improvements and growth that have shaped Transylvania University. In the past 20 years the additions to the campus have included the Young Campus Center, the Rosenthal and Poole residence halls, the Cowgill business center, the Lucille Little Theatre, the Clive Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, the John R. Hall Field for intramurals and athletics, and the Marquard baseball field.

The commitment and devotion Dr. Charles Shearer has demonstrated to Transylvania University is inspiring. Fewer than 5 percent of college or university presidents serve 20 years or more. His ability to work and grow with people has enabled Dr. Shearer to serve Transylvania University in a spectacular way. While Dr. Shearer has received numerous offers to serve at other academic institutions, he has declined in order to continue his role at Transylvania and thus has become the longest serving president in the school's 223-year history. I am thrilled Dr. Shearer has remained at Transylvania and am optimistic for the university's future. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize Dr. Shearer and Transylvania University. He is one of Kentucky's best at one of its finest institutions.●

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN ARTHUR HEAVENER

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I recognize Mr. Stephen Arthur Heavener who will retire on August 1, 2003, after having served 8½ years as the Executive Director of the Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority. He leaves this position to become Executive Director of the Department of Development in Carlsbad, NM.

During Mr. Heavener's 8½ years of service at the Warren County EDA more than 1,100 county jobs were created and the local industrial tax base increased from 8.5 percent in 1990 to 13.5 percent in 2002. These particular accomplishments came to fruition largely because of Mr. Heavener's work with Pen-Tab Industries, Toray Plastics, America, Family Dollar, Ferguson Enterprises and SYSCO Northeast Cooperative, Inc. Mr. Heavener also assisted in the redevelopment of the Avtex Fibers Superfund site in Front Royal. The massive construction on this 500-acre site will eventually create more than 11,000 square feet of premium rehabilitated office space, 240 acres of Conservancy Parklands, 160 acres of eco-business park, and 30 acres of soccer fields. In addition, Mr. Heavener has also aided in the growth and expansion of local businesses in Warren County by creating the Rural Business Enterprise Loan program, which has provided loans for small businesses in the amount of \$250,000.

Mr. Heavener's record of success as Executive Director of the Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority is well-known and respected. I congratulate him on his years of dedicated service to the people of Warren County and the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish him well in his new position in the Department of Development in Carlsbad.●

THE BOSTON CELTICS—HEROES AMONG US

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the Boston Celtics are heroes on the basketball court and off the court as well. In 1997, they established the "Heroes Among Us" award to honor outstanding individuals in New England who have made an especially significant impact on the lives of others. The award is designed to honor men and women in Massachusetts who stand tall in their commitment to their community. The extraordinary achievements of the honorees include saving lives, sacrificing for others, overcoming obstacles to achieve goals, or lifelong commitments to improving the lives of those around them. They include persons of all ages and from all walks of life, including students, community leaders, founders of nonprofit organizations, members of the clergy, and many others.

At each home game during the season, the Celtics and their fans salute the exemplary efforts of an honoree in a special presentation on the basketball court. So far, over 250 individuals have received the "Heroes Among Us" award.

All of us in Massachusetts are very proud of this program, which has become one of the most recognized and respected initiatives in our State. I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the names of the honorees for the 2002-2003 season.

Dina Barbosa, Cambridge, MA; Ethan Zohn, Lexington, MA; Lisa Scherber,